

Claim 3, line 1, change "either claim 1 or claim 2" to --claim 27-- and change "characterised in that" to --wherein--;

lines 6-7, delete "and preferably from 1 to 4 carbon atoms,";

lines 8-9, delete "preferably from 1 to 4 carbon atoms,".

Claim 4, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 27-- and change "characterised in that" to --wherein--;

line 5, delete "preferably".

Claim 5, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 4" to --claim 27-- and change "characterised in that" to --wherein--;

line 3, after "guetol," insert --and--.

Claim 6, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 5" to --claim 27-- and change "characterised in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 7, line 1, change "characterised in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 8, line 1, change "characterised in that" to --wherein--;

line 3, delete "preferably";

line 4, delete ", generally 1 to 3 unsaturations";

lines 15-16, delete "preferably a fluorine, chlorine or bromine
atom,".

Claim 9, line 1, change "characterised in that" to --wherein--;
lines 2-3, delete "an aromatic hydrocarbon residue, and, in
particular,";
line 7, delete "preferably from 0 to 3,".

Claim 10, line 1, change "characterised in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 11, line 1, change "characterised in that" to --wherein--;
lines 3-4, delete ", generally having 3 to 7 carbon atoms, preferably 6
carbon atoms, in the ring".

Claim 12, line 1, change "one of claims 6 to 11" to --claim 6-- and change
"characterised in that" to --wherein--.

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13. (Amended) A process according to claim 6, [characterised in that] wherein
the catalyst is a carrier compound with at least two carboxylic functions corresponding to
formula (II) selected from the group consisting of:
[- dicarboxylic aliphatic acids, such as:]
. oxalic acid

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- . malonic acid
 - . succinic acid
 - . glutaric acid
 - . adipic acid
 - . 2,4-dimethyl adipic acid
 - . pimelic acid
 - . suberic acid
 - . azelaic acid
 - . sebacic acid
 - . dodecane dioic acid
 - . fumaric acid
 - . maleic acid

[- cycloalkanedicarboxylic acids, such as]

 . cyclohexane 1,4-dicarboxylic acid,

[- aromatic dicarboxylic acids, such as:]

- . phthalic acid
- . isophthalic acid
- . terephthalic acid
- . phenylenediacetic acid
- . naphthalene 1,5-dicarboxylic acid
- . naphthalene 1,6-dicarboxylic acid
- . 4,4'-diphenylcarboxylic acid

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- . 3,3'-diphenylcarboxylic acid
 - . bis(4-hydroxycarbonyl) phenyl oxide
 - . bis(3-hydroxycarbonyl) phenyl oxide
 - . 4,4'-dihydroxycarbonyl diphenylsulphone
 - . 3,3'-dihydroxycarbonyl diphenylsulphone
 - [-] . pyrimidine or imidazole dicarboxylic acids.
 - [-] . aminopolycarboxylic acids:]
 - . ethylenediaminetetracetic acid (E.D.T.A.)
 - . diethylenetriaminopentacetic acid (D.T.P.A.)
 - . nitrilotriacetic acid (N.T.A.) and
 - . N-(2-hydroxyethyl)ethylene diaminotriacetic acid (H.E.D.T.A.).

Claim 14, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 13" to --claim 27-- and change
"characterised in that" to --wherein--;

line 2, delete ", in particular from 0.1 to 3% acetic acid".

Claim 15, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 14" to --claim 27-- and change
"characterised in that" to --wherein--;

lines 2-3, delete ", preferably in the region of 50% by weight".

Claim 16, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 15" to --claim 27-- and change
"characterised in that" to --wherein--;

line 3, delete "and is preferably selected between 2.0 and 3.0".

Claim 17, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 16" to --claim 27-- and change
"characterised in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 18, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 17" to --claim 27-- and change
"characterised in that" to --wherein--;

line 2, delete "preferably comprised";

line 3, delete ", and more particularly in the region of 1 mole/litre".

Claim 19, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 18" to --claim 27-- and change
"characterised in that" to --wherein--;

line 3, delete ", and preferably between 0.01 and 0.02".

Claim 20, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 19" to --claim 27-- and change
"characterised in that" to --wherein--;

lines 3-4, delete ", preferably between 1 and 2%".

Claim 21, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 20" to --claim 27-- and change
"characterised in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 22, line 1, change "characterised in that" to --wherein--;

line 2, delete "preferably between 1.2 and 2.6%,".

Claim 23, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 22" to --claim 27-- and change "characterised in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 24, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 23" to --claim 27-- and change "characterised in that" to --wherein--;

line 2, delete ", preferably between 30°C and 40°C".

25. (Amended) [Use of the optionally substituted p-hydroxymandelic compounds obtained according to one of claims 1 to 24 as intermediates] An intermediate for the production of hydroxyarylacetic acids, hydroxyarylglyoxylic acids, or hydroxyaromatic aldehydes comprising using the optionally substituted p-hydroxymandelic compounds obtained according to the process of claim 27.

26. (Amended) [Use of p-hydroxymandelic acid and 3-methoxy p-hydroxymandelic, 3-ethoxy p-hydroxymandelic acids or 3-isopropoxy p-hydroxymandelic acids obtained in accordance with the preparation process described in one of claims 1 to 24] A process for the production of 4-hydroxy benzaldehyde and vanillin and analogues by oxidation of said acids using p-hydroxymandelic acid and 3-methoxy p-hydroxymandelic acid, 3-ethoxy p-hydroxymandelic acid, or 3-isopropoxy p-hydroxymandelic acid obtained in accordance with claim 27.